

MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY

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RESIDENT NON-SMOKING POLICY

1. **REVIEW:** Annually
2. **GENERAL:** The Mississippi State Veterans Home does not allow residents to smoke at the facility. Residents admitted prior to the establishment of this policy and who have a current smoking contract will be allowed to continue supervised smoking.
3. **PURPOSE:** To maintain a smoke free environment for the Mississippi State Veterans Home.
4. **PROCEDURE:**
 - A. Smoking and use of any tobacco products or smoking implements (includes but is not limited to e-cigarettes, vapors, pipes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.) is strictly prohibited on or in any part of the grounds or buildings of the State Veterans Nursing Homes. This includes residents, staff, visitors, vendors or any person who enters the grounds.
 - B. Exception: Residents (physically) admitted to the Home(s) prior to March 16, 2015, who have a current smoking contract and who have not been discharged (whether voluntarily or in accordance with the Board's 14 day "bed hold" policy) shall be allowed to use approved products only in designated areas and under direct supervision of Home(s) staff. Any person who is discharged from the Home(s) (whether voluntarily or in accordance with the Board's 14 day "bed hold" policy) shall apply as a new admission and is subject any and all policies in force on that date of admission. To ensure no confusion; "Discharge" is a legal description, not a physical one. In the case of any discharge (exceeding "bed hold" or otherwise); should a resident be allowed to leave personal belongings at the Home(s) or should circumstances (census) allow resident to be placed in the same/previous room occupied, it is done so as a gesture of kindness and respect and shall, in no way, be construed as any retention or rights of previous policy. The resident is a new admission.
 - C. All residents will be informed of the smoke free policy prior to admission.
 - D. Residents who smoke will be offered nicotine replacement therapy.
 - E. Family members, visitors and the residents will be instructed that bringing smoking materials into the facility is prohibited.
5. **SUPERSESSSION:** When Replaced